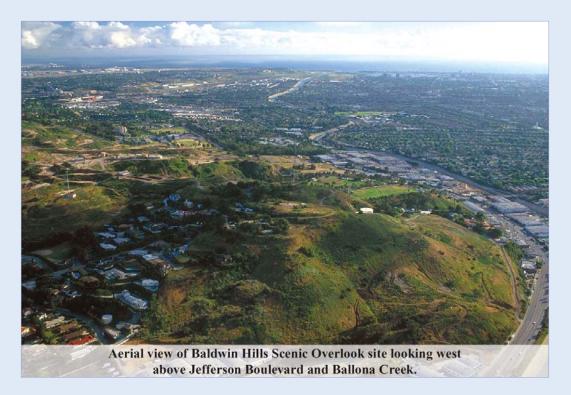
Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook



Project Status:
Active

Site Specifications:
58 acres

Estimated Costs:
\$10,000,000

Project Manager:
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The Scenic Overlook site affords unparalleled, panoramic views of the Los Angeles Basin and Pacific Ocean -- from the 10,000-foot San Gabriel Mountains and Santa Monica Mountains to the entire Santa Monica Bay, from Catalina Island and the Palos Verdes Peninsula to Point Dume. Purchased in December 2000 for \$40 million by the State of California with assistance from Los Angeles County, the site is planned as the jewel of the Baldwin Hills' western ridge.

Under the direction of California State Parks, a team of planning professionals including architects, land-scape designers and engineers, have worked with the surrounding communities to develop plans for large-scale native habitat restoration, site compatible land-scaping, trails, observation areas and visitor facilities. The two-year planning process has yielded an innovative site design with preliminary construction documents. Proposition 40 funding has been appropriated for the following planned site improvements:

- ♦ 10,300 square-foot visitor center, nestled in the western slope, with an outdoor plaza and observation areas, picnic sites, exhibition space, administrative offices, restrooms, and a nourishment center
- ♦ Visitor parking for 110 vehicles provided at lower and upper lots (ADA compliant)
- ♦ Primary vehicular access from Jefferson Blvd
- ♦ Official trailhead at Jefferson Blvd
- Native habitat restoration and landscape improvements

